

TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS

MINUTES OF THE SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MARCH 22, 2010

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

A regular session of the Senior Services Advisory Commission was convened and called to order by Chair Jim Judge at 3:30 PM on Monday, March 22, 2010, in the Conference Room of the Fountain Hills Community Center at 13001 N. La Montana, Fountain Hills, AZ.

Chair Judge, Vice-Chair Patterson-Whitehead and Commissioners Cisak, Mallek, McNamara, Florence and Whittaker represented the Senior Services Advisory Commission. Rino Ghetti, Senior Services Supervisor Kelley Fonville, Accounting Supervisor Mary Martin, HDM Coordinator Teri Larson and Sherry Bowland represented staff.

ITEM # 1 CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No members of the public were present.

ITEM #2 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 22, 2010 JOINT MEETING

Councilmember Hansen arrived at this point in the meeting. Mr. Whittaker made a motion for approval that was seconded by Ms Patterson-Whitehead and passed unanimously.

ITEM #3 UPDATE ON MEETING BETWEEN SSAC COMMISSIONERS AND THE TOWN MANAGER AND DEPUTY TOWN MANAGER.

Mr. Judge reported on a meeting attended by Rick Davis, Julie Ghetti, Bill Whittaker, Barbara Patterson-Whitehead and himself. He began by pointing out the fact that the meeting was initiated by the SSAC Commissioners and not requested by Town staff. The SSAC Commissioners stressed their concern about the proposed budget and plans to include the HDM Coordinator's salary in the budget as well as the possible loss of staff with the upcoming retirement of Nancy Blumenstein after losing BJ Soehlig's part-time position earlier in the year. Mr. Judge understood as a result of this meeting that Mr. Davis would be promoting the SSAC Commissioner's position on retaining staff in the Senior Activity Center as well as funding the HDM Coordinator's salary from outside the HDM program budget. Mr. Davis said he will get back to the Commission on July 1.

ITEM # 4 REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY CENTER LIAISON

Mr. Whittaker reported on a presentation given at the CCAC meeting by members of the Holiday Inn staff. The Holiday Inn proposed to be exclusive provider of large special events such as weddings with the Community Center and the Chamber of Commerce receiving a per person cut. After the presentation and much discussion about the proposal at the CCAC meeting, they invited the Holiday Inn to return with a new proposal addressing issues of concern. It is unknown whether the Holiday Inn staff will pursue this avenue. Upon hearing about this proposal, it was the consensus of the SSAC commissioners that they would have serious concerns about an exclusive contract at the Community Center as well.

ITEM #5 REPORT ON HOME DELIVERED MEALS PROGRAM, PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES AND BUDGET UPDATE

Accounting Supervisor Mary Martin presented an update on the budget process for the next fiscal year as well as some historical comparisons by year, department, position and overall. A different way of looking at the budget in the past year has been to examine how much programs actually cost and whether they can support themselves or require additional subsidies. The budget committee works with the departments on their input and presents this information to Council. Eventually a final budget is adopted on June 6th. Ms Fonville indicated that trips will have to be cut and annual dues raised to reflect a type of “all inclusive” membership. The HDM program has grown and regular programs do not have revenue attached to them so trips were the only way to scale back. Ms Fonville is working on cooperation/partnership with local travel agencies and Fountain View Village. If some type of arrangement could be made, staff would not organize the trips or take payment. Mr. Judge said these types of partnerships would give more options however “all-inclusive” membership fees are unfair for those who don’t participate in a lot of activities. As for the HDM program, Ms Larson stated that if fees have to be raised, the self-payers will have to make up the difference. If that happens there is the possibility some will drop out, causing others to pay even more. Ms Patterson-Whitehead stressed that the HDM program has to be top priority and more than \$6.50 must not be charged for the meals. Mr. Judge stated that we need to not only fund the HDM program, but also have room for growth.

ITEM # 6 DISCUSSION ON IDEAS FOR FUTURE REVENUE SOURCES

In support of the importance of the Senior Activity Center, Mr. Whittaker wanted to go on record to point out that the center provides a page and a half of activities as well as special events, support groups, classes and health presentations. Ms Fonville reminded the Commission that the budget committee expects us to cover our costs so she has been working on ideas to generate revenue. Additional classes, membership fee increase, rental fee for medical equipment, travel promotion, rental space in the lobby, grants for HDM and senior services and support from Senior Services, Inc. are some ideas at this point. Ms Fonville asked the Commissioners for any suggestions to raise revenue. Mr. Judge asked about the possibility of a special meeting soon and for everyone to check schedules. Discussion of mission statement tabled at this time. List of 2009/2010 Activity Center programs/events and HDM report for February 2010 added as attachments after this report.

ITEM # 7 ADJOURNMENT

Ms McNamara moved to adjourn which was seconded by Mr. Whittaker and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Dated this 25th day of March, 2010

Senior Services Advisory Commission

BY: _____
Jim Judge, Chair

Reviewed By: _____
Samantha Coffman, Director
Community Center/Senior Services

Reviewed By: _____
Kelley Fonville, Senior Services Supervisor
Senior Services

PREPARED BY: _____
Sherry Bowland/Recording Secretary

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Session held by the Senior Services Advisory Commission of Fountain Hills on the 22th day of March, 2010. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 25th Day of March, 2010

Jim Judge
Senior Services Advisory Commission